

EMDAC MEETING 1/25/00 SAN DIEGO

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Barger, **Jim Pointer**, Mel Ochs, Bruce Haynes, Steve Tharrat, Hal Renollet, **Allen Morini**, Tim Sturgill, Angelo Salvucci, **John Brown**, Richard Smith, **Karl Sporer**, Bill Koenig, Jay Goldman, Mike Metro

Note: **Bold** indicates Board Members

GUESTS PRESENT

Nancy Steiner, Dan Smiley, Richard Watson, Daryl Walker, Richard McSherry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes from November 16, 1999 meeting were presented. They will be attached to an upcoming e-mail.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Presented by Karl Sporer. Closing balance in our account as of December 1999 was \$3,486.96. Projected budget for 2000 was presented with an anticipated income of \$750. This budget includes a dues increase to \$150 per year. The budget was approved.

ROUNDTABLE

San Francisco reported on the fruition of their Millenium Celebration disaster planning efforts and the development of their Public Access Defibrillation program. Ventura county reported on the success of their project to synchronize all EMS provider times to the Universal Time Constant. Orange county reported on their ongoing ambulance diversion issues (diversion rates are high) and their consideration of designating certain receiving facilities as cardiac receiving centers. Sacramento has deleted Bretyllium from their protocols and is reviewing EMS multiple users or "frequent fliers". San Diego shared their development of EMAN; an Internet link between the Dept. of Health and E.D.'s in the county. Both Alameda and San Mateo county are utilizing ambulances staffed with 1 paramedic and 1 EMT. Dr. Goldman discussed HCFA's recent interest in decreasing EMS expenditures and updated the group on Kaiser's contractual relationship with AMR.

EMSA REPORT

Richard Watson reports. Richard McSherry introduced; he will replace Darryl Walker. Miranda Swanson, Vision process manager introduced and Vision process update given. Feedback positive on Paramedic Task force; recommendations presented for EMDAC reaction. State EMSA budget process successful; medical disaster plan was funded. National Association of State EMS Directors to be held at the Catamaran hotel in San Diego October 17-21. State EMS for Children meeting will be at the Bahia hotel in San Diego November 9 & 10. Millenium celebration briefly reviewed; the situation was remarkably calm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

See SOP minutes. The SOP committee is looking for a new chairperson. Interested candidates are requested to contact Dr. Brown.

EMS COMMISSION

Angelo Salvucci presents. No new items of concern.

Cal-ACEP

Bill Koenig presents. Initiative to capture all tobacco settlement funds for health care purposes postponed from March ballot to enable more lobbying time with state legislators.

Cal Chiefs

Mike Metro presents. LA County Fire has moved to scanning PCR's into a database. Drug temperature extremes degradation study found no changes in lidocaine and atropine; other drugs are still being tested. A paramedic skill frequency survey was just completed of a sample of LA County fire units which precept paramedics. The results will be available to the EMDAC membership.

EMSC COMMITTEE

Allen Morini presents. Upcoming conference in San Diego November 9 & 10.

MEDICAL ADVISORY GROUP

John Brown presents. December '99 meeting reviewed (see attached minutes); next meeting February 10th with all other EMSA Director advisory groups.

VISION PROCESS

EMDAC liaisons to the vision groups briefly presented their group's work. Minutes from the vision process can be found on the EMSA's web page--soon there will be an interactive calendar to obtain all vision process information. Some groups moving faster than others; funding was the farthest along to date with IAFF and HCFA costing studies for EMS currently being reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

PARAMEDIC TASK FORCE

Steve Tharrat presents. Recommendations of the task force were reviewed--especially the one concerning the development of a statewide SOP for educational curricula; we decided to ask a member of the task force to attend the next EMDAC meeting to discuss the recommendations in more detail and answer questions.

AMBULANCE PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION STATEMENT AND HOSPITAL/HEALTH SYSTEM CONTRACTING FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES

Tim Sturgill presents. Members are referred to the upcoming issue of the CalACEP newsletter for an in-depth look at the risk ED MD's may have in signing these certificates. The risk includes

potential fraud when patients do not meet the criteria for emergent ambulance transport, and breach of contract issues due to the potential effect of favoring ambulance services which have contractual relationships with facilities for capitated non-emergent patient transfers taking non-capitated patients by default and may create a pseudo-exclusive operating area-like environment. See his article for further details.

NEW BUSINESS

JUNE MEETING DATE/LOCATION

Friday, June 16th at the Dana Point Marriott where the CalACEP Scientific Assembly will be held. SOP will meet at noon, followed by EMDAC at 1 p.m. Details and directions to follow on the list server.

MISSED AIRWAY CONCEPT

John Brown presents. SF is developing a review instrument for evaluation of pertrach uses which includes defining those patients who might have benefited from the technique but received other airway management instead. Sacramento reported on their experience with needle crics, which are in the single digits of frequency of use per year. SF will report on further development of the project, including potential querying of other pertrach counties once the instrument is developed, along with other trauma registries in the state.

ITEMS FOR NEXT EMDAC AGENDA

Item

EMDAC Web page enhancement
Richard Watson's replacement at the California Highway Patrol
Pediatric Education Program presentation by Dr. Diekman
Paramedic Task Force Presentation

Responsible party

Pointer
Watson
Morini
Koenig

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:30 PM; THANKS TO COMMODORE HAYNES
FOR ARRANGING MEETING SITE!**